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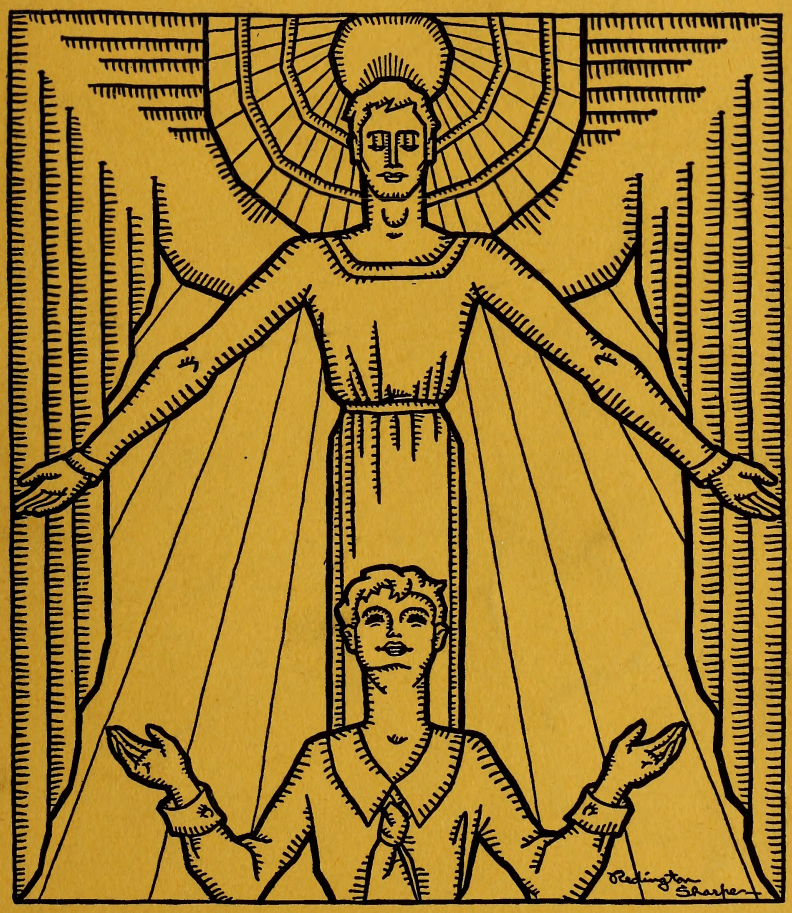

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The Hospitality Committee hopes to make the stay of Foreign Delegates and visitors as pleasant and profitable as possible. Every effort will be made to furnish guide service, foreign-speaking escorts, and motor cars, when needed. We hope that you will let us know as far ahead of time as possible, in what way we may serve you and facilitate your plans while here.

INFORMATION SERVICE

The information desk for Foreign Delegates is just outside the Convention Hall. Please make your wants known as early as possible.

GUIDES

Boy Scouts will be available as guides by arrangement at the information desk. Volunteers speaking foreign languages will be glad to personally accompany delegates about the city, to visit interesting places, to do shopping, or any other service which may be desired.

EXCHANGE OF FOREIGN MONEY

This may be arranged through the information service.

VISITS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Delegates who wish to avail themselves of transportation to visit organizations for the Blind in New York or Brooklyn on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, will please register at the information desk before 5 o'clock on Tuesday for any Wednesday trip and before 5 o'clock on Wednesday for the Thursday trips.

Please register before 5 o'clock Wednesday, April 15th, if you will join the trip to Munsey and up the Hudson on Saturday.

MOTOR SERVICE

The 32nd Street entrance of the Pennsylvania Hotel will be used at all times when special transportation is arranged for the delegates. There will always be two Boy Scouts at the 32nd Street entrance, to assist visitors.

SPECIAL DINING ROOM PRIVILEGES

The American Association of Workers for the Blind has made an arrangement for meals in a reserved dining room, at special rates. These privileges will be available to all delegates. Arrangements should be made at the A. A. W. B. room desk just outside the Convention Hall.

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World Conference on Work for the Blind

IN March, 1930, President Hoover issued invitations to fifty countries, asking them to send delegates to a World Conference on Work for the Blind to be held in New York City in April of this year. These invitations were sent out at the request of the American Foundation for the Blind, the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, and the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Delegates from thirty countries have announced their intention of being present, and we expect representatives from several others.

In order to have a profitable free discussion, the number of delegates from each country has been restricted so far as was consistent with the desire of the Committee on Personnel and Program to have every phase of work for the blind and every constructive point of view represented. While there will be but a small number of American official delegates, workers for the blind in the United States and Canada, whether delegates or not, will have an opportunity to listen in on the general discussions, and by special arrangement may participate in the round-table meetings on particular subjects. The Committee on Personnel and Program has announced a list of speakers, which includes some of the most prominent workers for the blind from every part of the world.

The Conference dates are as follows:

April 13 — Evening — Reception to delegates at International House, Riverside Drive — Speeches of welcome by citizens of international reputation.

April 14-17 inclusive — Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and Seventh Avenue.

Forenoons (9 A.M.—1 P.M.)— Summaries of papers and general discussions.

Afternoons (2 P.M.—6 P.M.)— Visits to local agencies for the blind.

Evenings (8 P.M.—10 P.M.)— Round-table discussions.

April 19-28 inclusive—Tour of visitation to representative agencies for the blind in the eastern part of the United States.

April 29-30 — Hotel Pennsylvania — Closing sessions at which Committee reports will be received and general discussions will be held regarding ways and means of promoting greater co-operation among workers for the blind throughout the world.

Some of the objectives of the World Conference on Work for the Blind are:

1. To promote international comity by bringing about more intimate personal acquaintanceships among leaders in work for the blind in the various countries.

2. To give workers for the blind detailed information regarding activi-

ties in other countries which may suggest ways of improving the work at home.

3. To establish means of effecting more rapid interchange of information regarding developments in work for the blind:

a. As to practical types of employment;
b. As to methods of instruction;
c. As to new appliances for overcoming the handicap of blindness;
d. As to prevention of blindness.

4. To promote the co-operative use of embossed literature through interchange of books and sheet music among libraries, and exchange of periodicals (by both publishers and readers), especially among countries speaking the same language.

5. To enlist the co-operation of workers for the blind in various countries in the promotion of work of international interest, such as the establishment of uniform braille codes among countries speaking the same language, and furthering the movements to establish uniform embossed codes for music, classical languages, and higher mathematics.

6. To enlist international co-operation for the promotion of local work, such as the securing of general publicity about forms of employment, methods of instruction, etc., and the securing of assistance from progressive nations in furthering the work in less advantaged countries.

In order to insure the achievement of these objectives, a movement is on foot to establish an international bureau to serve as a world-wide clearing house of information relating to matters concerning the blind, and to promote international co-operation among friends of the blind in furthering the general welfare of those without sight.

This Conference will give American workers for the blind a most unusual opportunity to familiarize themselves with activities in behalf of the blind in other countries, and to become acquainted with the most outstanding men and women in this field throughout the entire world.

The foreign delegates have in part been chosen by their respective governments and in part by the Committee on Personnel and Program. The American delegation will consist of the members of the Organizing Committee and twenty persons chosen from a list of nominees furnished by the Executive Committees of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind and the American Association of Workers for the Blind. The Organizing Committee was appointed by joint action of the Presidents of these two Associations. It has been necessary to restrict the number of American delegates to avoid overshadowing in numbers the delegates from other countries.

Among the visiting delegates will be men who have had long experience in the management of trade schools and large workshops for the blind; those who are thoroughly familiar with home teaching both from the standpoint of the visitor and of the director; men and women familiar with the problems of home employment; those who have been successful in the placement of the blind in competitive industry or the professions; those who have given much attention to the development of new appliances for the blind; teachers and superintendents of schools for the blind; executives of national agencies for the

blind; managers of braille publishing concerns; directors of libraries for the blind; heads of associations of blind people; men who have had many years of experience in the administration of blind pensions and other relief activities; those who have had long experience in the raising of funds under the most unfavorable economic conditions; and those who have been largely responsible for the rehabilitation of blind veterans in European countries.

The Organizing Committee desires that the foreign delegates shall visit representative work for the blind outside of New York City. However, during the first week of the Conference arrangements will be made for them to see the educational opportunities afforded in a modern school, workshop facilities in Brooklyn and Manhattan, a well-known library for the blind, and social service provisions in all parts of the metropolis.

Leaving New York on Sunday afternoon the foreign delegates will be taken on a nine-day tour of visitation to representative agencies for the blind in the northeastern section of the United States. Tentative plans are now in the making for these delegates to be entertained as the guests of friends of the blind in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. The Conference will reconvene on April 29-30 to receive committee reports and to conclude other business growing out of the Conference. In order to avoid congestion in the institutions and agencies acting as hosts of the Conference, this tour of visitation will be limited to foreign visitors, with only a sufficient number of American delegates and attendants to insure a comfortable and profitable trip.

While some of the visiting delegates cannot speak English, it is interesting to note that the great majority will have considerable command of our language. They are all eager for personal contact with American workers for the blind, and the Americans who attend this gathering, or who meet the delegates on their tour of visitation to local organizations for the blind, will find this contact one of the most stimulating experiences of their professional careers.

The American Association of Workers for the Blind will hold its fourteenth biennial convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania simultaneously with the World Conference. Those who are not members either of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind or the American Association of Workers for the Blind are advised to join the latter Association, for those who present credentials of membership in good standing in either Association will receive preferential consideration in the assignment of seats and other privileges connected with the World Conference. Generally speaking, anyone with a real interest in work for the blind may become a member of the A.A.W.B. upon payment of a nominal membership fee. Mr. Stetson K. Ryan, 20 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, Secretary of the A.A.W.B., will be glad to furnish further information about membership in that organization.

Additional details regarding the World Conference may be obtained from Charles M. Sprague, Manager, World Conference on Work for the Blind, 125 East 46th St., New York.

World Conference on Work for the Blind

TENTATIVE PROGRAM*

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Evening: Reception to Delegates

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9 A.M.—1 P.M. Topic: Education

Chairman: MR. EDWARD M. VAN CLEVE, Principal, New York Institute for the Education of the Blind

Rapporteur: MISS M. M. R. GARAWAY, College of Teachers of the Blind, Bristol, England

First Steps in Education of the Blind Child
DR. SIEGFRIED ALTMANN, Director, Israelitische Blinden-Institut, Vienna, Austria

The General Education and Vocational Training of the Blind Child
MONSIEUR D. LELIÈVRE, Director, Institution Régionale des Sourds-Muets et Jeunes Aveugles, Bordeaux, France

The General Education and Vocational Training of the Blind Child
DR. PAUL GRASEMANN, Director, Provinzialblindenanstalt, Soest-Westfalen, Germany

Higher Education for the Blind and Occupations Open to Them
DR. CARL STREHL, Syndikus, Blindenstudienanstalt, Marburg-Lahn, Germany

The Training of Teachers of the Blind
PROFESSOR AUGUSTO ROMAGNOLI, Superintendent, R. Scuola di Metodo per gli Educatori dei Ciechi, Rome, Italy

The Special Psychology of the Blind
HERR HALFDAN KARTERUD, Dalens Blindeskole, Nidaros, Norway

Afternoon: Visits to Local Agencies

8—10 P.M. Round Tables:

a. Ways and Means in Planning School Activities
Organizer: MR. J. T. HOOPER, Superintendent, Wisconsin School for the Blind, Janesville, Wisconsin

b. Purposes in Education: For Life and for a Living
Organizer: DR. O. H. BURRITT, Principal, Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Wednesday, April 15

9 A.M.—1 P.M. Topic: Employment

Chairman: Mr. S. Mervyn Sinclair, Executive Director, State Council for the Blind, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Rapporteur: To be announced

Employment of the Blind on Work for which Sight was Formerly Considered Essential

Captain E. A. Baker, General Secretary, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto, Canada

Home Occupations for the Blind

Herr Ernst Retsler, De Blindas Förening, Stockholm, Sweden

Workshop Industries and Occupations

Mr. S. W. Starling, Superintendent, Birmingham Institution for the Blind, England

Music as a Profession and Occupation for the Blind

Professor Pierre Villey, Secretary-General, Association Valentin Haüy, Paris, France

Workshop Management

Mr. George Danby, General Manager, Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind, Glasgow, Scotland

Economic Position of the Blind

Comm. Dott. Aurelio Nicolodi, Director, Unione Italiana dei Ciechi, Florence, Italy

Dog Guides

Mrs. Harrison Eustis, L'Oeil qui Voit, Mont Pélerin, Vevey, Switzerland

8—10 P.M. Round Tables:

a. Workshops

Organizer: Mr. Peter J. Salmon, Business Manager, Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, New York

b. Outside Occupations

Organizer: Mr. H. R. Latimer, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

c. Home Teaching

Organizer: Miss Kate M. Foley, Home Teacher, California State Library, San Francisco, California

Thursday, April 16

9 A.M.—1 P.M. Topic: Technical Aids and Provisions

Chairman: Mr. A. C. Ellis, Superintendent, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky

Rapporteur: Mr. G. L. Raverat, Secretary-General, American Braille Press, Paris, France

Museums for the Blind

Dr. E. E. Allen, Director, Perkins Institution, Watertown, Massachusetts

Libraries for the Blind

Miss L. A. Goldthwaite, Librarian for the Blind, New York Public Library, New York

Apparatus and Appliances for the Blind

Dr. W. Dolanski, Warsaw, Poland

Printing for the Blind

Mr. Frank L. Bryan, Manager, Howe Memorial Press, Watertown, Mass.

Missions and the Blind in Foreign Countries

Mr. G. B. Fryer, Superintendent, Institution for the Chinese Blind, Shanghai, China

Co-operation in Printing for the Blind in South America

Senor J. Ulises Codino, Director, Instituto Nacional de Ciegos, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Condition of the Blind in Japan

Mr. Umaji Akiba, President, Tokyo School for the Blind, Tokyo, Japan

Afternoon: Visits to Local Agencies

8—10 P.M. Round Tables:

a. Printing and Appliances

Organizer: Mr. G. F. Meyer, Supervisor, Classes for the Blind, Minneapolis, Minnesota

b. Libraries and Museums

Organizer: Mrs. Emma N. Delfino, Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

c. Music

Organizer: Mr. L. W. Rodenberg, Illinois School for the Blind, Jacksonville, Illinois

Friday, April 17

9 A.M.—1 P.M. Topic: Social Services

Chairman on Prevention: To be announced

Chairman on Welfare, etc.: Mr. Calvin S. Glover, Executive Secretary, Cincinnati Association for the Welfare of the Blind, Cincinnati, Ohio

Rapporteur: Mr. W. McG. Eagar, Secretary-General, National Institute for the Blind, London, England

Prevention and Sight-Saving Classes

Mrs. Winifred Hathaway, Associate Director, National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, New York

Causes and Prevention of Blindness

Dr. Mérida Nicolich, Director, Instituto Municipal para Ciegos, Malaga, Spain

The State and the Blind Community

Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., Chairman, St. Dunstan's, London, England

Pensions for the Blind

Dr. Lothar Gaebler-Knibbe, President, Reichsdeutscher Blindenverband, Berlin, Germany

What the State Ought to Do for the Blind

Monsieur P. Guinot, Fédération Nationale des Aveugles Civils, Paris, France

Home Visiting and Home Teaching

Miss J. A. Merivale, Union of Counties Associations for the Blind, England

3—6 p.m. Round Tables

a. Prevention and Sight Saving

Organizer: Mr. Lewis H. Carris, Managing Director, National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, New York

b. Pensions

Organizer: Mrs. Mary Dranga Campbell, Executive Director, Missouri Commission for the Blind, St. Louis, Missouri

c. Social Welfare

Organizer: Mr. H. M. Immeln, Director of Social Service, New York Association for the Blind (Lighthouse) New York

d. The Deaf-Blind

Organizer: Miss Lydia Y. Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Commission for the Blind, Newark, New Jersey

e. International Organization

Organizer: Mr. Robert B. Irwin, Executive Director, American Foundation for the Blind, New York

World Conference Delegates

Argentina	Señor J. Ulises Codino, Director, Instituto Nacional de Ciegos, Buenos Aires.
Australia	Mr. H. Hedger, Manager, Sydney Industrial Blind Institute, Sydney.
	Mr. Herbert W. Thompson, Honorary Librarian, Sydney Industrial Blind Institute, Sydney.
Austria	Dr. Siegfried Altmann, Director, Israelitische Blinden-Institut, Vienna.
	Fräulein Olga Hoffnung, Teacher, Providentia Mädchen-Blindenheim, Vienna.
Belgium	Professor Gérard Borré, Institut National de Sourds-Muets et Aveugles, Brussels.
	Monsieur R. Grénade, Commercial Attaché of the Belgian Embassy, New York.
Bulgaria	Monsieur V. Stephanoff, Director, Institut National des Aveugles, Sofia.
Canada	Capt. E. A. Baker, General Secretary, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto.
	Mr. Joseph F. Clunk, Placement Agent, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto.
	Mr. S. C. Swift, Librarian, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto.
China	Mr. George B. Fryer, Superintendent, Institution for the Chinese Blind, Shanghai.
Chile	Señor Pedro Fajardo, Professor, Sociedad Santa Lucia Protectora de Ciegos, Santiago.
Colombia	Señor Francisco Luis Hernandez, Bogotá.
	Señor Juan Antonio Pardo Ospina, Director, Instituto Colombiano para Ciegos, Bogotá.
Czechoslovakia	Dr. Aleksej Záhoř, Director, Cechoslow Zentralblinden-fürsorge, Prague.
	Monsieur J. Novak, Consul General, New York.
Denmark	Herr Ernst Jörgensen, Dansk Blindesamfund, Copenhagen.
Egypt	Dr. C. R. Watson, President, American University at Cairo, Philadelphia.
France	Monsieur P. Guinot, Fédération Nationale des Aveugles Civils, Paris.
	Monsieur D. Lelièvre, Director, Institution Régionale des Sourds-Muets et Jeunes Aveugles, Bordeaux.

	Monsieur G. L. Raverat, Secretary-General, American Braille Press for War and Civilian Blind, New York and Paris.
	Professor Pierre Villey, Secretary-General, Association Valentin Haüy, Paris.
Germany	Dr. Lothar Gaebler-Knibbe, President, Reichsdeutscher Blindenverband, Berlin.
	Dr. Paul Grasemann, Director, Provinzialblindenanstalt, Soest-Westfalen.
	Dr. W. Steinberg, Professor, Technische Hochschule, Breslau.
	Dr. Carl Strehl, Syndikus, Blindenstudienanstalt, Marburg-Lahn.
Great Britain	Mr. George Danby, General Manager, Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind, Glasgow.
	Mr. W. McG. Eagar, Secretary-General, National Institute for the Blind, London.
	Mr. R. Forbes, D.S.O., M.C., Sub-Inspector, Scottish Education Department, Edinburgh.
	Capt. Ian Fraser, C.B.E., Chairman, St. Dunstan's Executive Council, London.
	Miss M. M. R. Garaway, representing the College of Teachers of the Blind, Bristol.
	Mr. F. R. Lovett, Principal of the Ministry of Health.
	Miss J. A. Merivale, representing the Union of Counties Associations for the Blind.
	Mr. G. F. Mowatt, J.P., Secretary-Treasurer, Worcester College for the Blind.
	Mr. S. W. Starling, Superintendent and Secretary, Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, Birmingham.
	Mr. J. E. Underwood, M.P., representing the Board of Education.
Greece	Miss Irene Lascarides.
Guatemala	Señor Julio Montano Novella, Consul General, New York.
Holland	Dr. A. H. J. Belzer, Instituut Tot Onderwijs van Blinden, Amsterdam.
Hungary	Dr. Carl Herodek, Director, Blindenanstalt, Budapest.
India	Mr. C. G. Henderson, President Emeritus, All-India Blind Relief Association, London.
	Mr. P. N. V. Rau, Honorary Secretary, Indian Association of Workers for the Blind, Bangalore City.
	Mr. A. K. Shah, Principal, Calcutta Blind School, Calcutta.

Italy	Dr. Cav. Gino Chiaromonte, Counselor, Ministry of National Education, Rome.
	Signorina Marcella de Negri, Secretary, Biblioteca Nazionale per Ciechi Adulti, Florence.
	Comm. Dott. Aurelio Nicolodi, Director, Unione Italiana dei Ciechi, Florence.
	Comm. Oreste Poggiolini, President, Federation Nazionale delle Instituzioni pro Cieche, Florence
	Professor Augusto Romagnoli, Director, R. Scuola di Metodo per gli Educatori dei Ciechi, Rome.
Japan	Mr. Umaji Akiba, President, Tokyo School for the Blind, Tokyo.
	Mr. Tokuichi Hashimura, President, Nagoya City School for Blind and Dumb, Nagoya City.
	Mr. Kingo Kimura, President, Taihoku Provincial School for Blind and Dumb.
	Mr. Ryutaro Kimura, Editor, Eastern Braille Magazine, Tokyo.
	Mr. Tetsutaro Kumagaya, Pastor, Japan Methodist Church of Ube City.
	Mr. Kyotaro Nakamura, Editor, Braille Manichi, Tokyo.
	Mr. Yoshihiro Tamori, Masseur, San Francisco.
Mexico	Señor Ramon Beteta, Director, Educational and Survey Department, United Charities and Welfare, Mexico City.
New Zealand	Mr. Clutha N. Mackenzie, Director, Jubilee Institute for the Blind, Auckland.
Norway	Herr Halfdan Karterud, Dalens Blindeskole, Nidaros.
Poland	Dr. W. Dolanski, Warsaw.
Roumania	Dr. Constantin Paul, Director, Azilului de Orbi "Regina Elisabeth," Bucharest.
South Africa	Rev. Arthur W. Blaxall, member of the National Council for the Blind of South Africa.
Spain	Dr. Mérida Nicolich, Director, Instituto Municipal para Ciegos y Sordos-Mudos, Malaga.
Sweden	Herr Alrik Lundberg, De Blindas Förening, Stockholm.
	Herr Ernst Retsler, De Blindas Förening, Stockholm.
Switzerland	Mrs. Harrison Eustis, "L'Oeil qui Voit," Mont Pélerin, Vevey.
	Fräulein Margaret Schaffer, Secretary, Bernischer Blindenfürsorgeverein, Berne.

United States

Dr. Edward E. Allen, Director, Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, Massachusetts.

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Blind, Maryland.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall, Director, Division of the Blind, Massachusetts.

Dr. Olin H. Burritt, Principal, Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, Pennsylvania.

Mr. A. J. Caldwell, Superintendent, Louisiana School for the Blind, Louisiana.

Mrs. Mary Dranga Campbell, Executive Director, Missouri Commission for the Blind, Missouri.

Mr. Lewis H. Carris, Managing Director, National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, New York.

Mr. B. P. Chapple, President, American Association of Instructors of the Blind; Superintendent, State School for the Blind, North Dakota.

Mr. Harold T. Clark, Cleveland Conference for Educational Co-operation, Ohio.

Miss Helen J. Coffin, Supervisor, Classes for the Blind, Cleveland Public Schools, Ohio.

Mr. William Nelson Cromwell, President, Board of Managers, American Braille Press, New York.

Mrs. Emma N. Delfino, Librarian, Department for the Blind, Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. A. C. Ellis, Superintendent, American Printing House for the Blind, Kentucky.

Dr. John H. Finley, President, New York Association for the Blind, New York.

Miss Kate M. Foley, Home Teacher, California State Library, California.

Dr. R. S. French, Principal, California School for the Blind, California.

Mr. Calvin S. Glover, President, American Association of Workers for the Blind; Executive Secretary, Cincinnati Association for the Welfare of the Blind, Ohio.

Miss Lucille Goldthwaite, Librarian, Department for the Blind, New York Public Library, New York.

Mr. S. M. Green, Superintendent, School for the Blind, Missouri.

Mr. William A. Hadley, Principal, Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind, Illinois.

Miss Lydia Y. Hayes, Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Commission for the Blind, New Jersey.

Mr. Walter G. Holmes, Editor, Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind, New York.

Mr. J. T. Hooper, Superintendent, Wisconsin School for the Blind, Wisconsin.

United States (Continued)	Miss Mary V. Hun, Vice-Chairman, New York State Commission for the Blind, New York.
	Mr. H. M. Immeln, Director of Social Service, New York Association for the Blind, New York.
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	Mr. B. S. Joice, Superintendent, Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind, Pennsylvania.
	Mr. H. R. Latimer, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Pennsylvania.
	Mr. Thomas S. McAloney, Superintendent, Colorado School for Deaf and Blind, Colorado.
	Mr. George F. Meyer, Supervisor, Sight-Saving and Braille Classes, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minnesota.
	Mr. M. C. Migel, President, American Foundation for the Blind, New York.
	Mrs. Eva B. Palmer, Executive Secretary, Cleveland Society for the Blind, Ohio.
	Mr. G. L. Raverat, Secretary-General, American Braille Press, New York and Paris.
	Mr. L. W. Rodenberg, Braille Printing Department, Illinois School for the Blind, Illinois.
	Mr. Stetson K. Ryan, Executive Secretary, Board of Education of the Blind, Connecticut.
	Mr. Peter J. Salmon, Business Manager, Industrial Home for the Blind, New York.
	Mr. S. Mervyn Sinclair, Executive Director, State Council for the Blind, Pennsylvania.
	Mr. Edward M. Van Cleve, Principal, New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, New York.
	Mr. I. S. Wampler, Superintendent, Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee.
Uruguay	Mrs. Carmes Questas de Néry.
Yugoslavia	Monsieur Velyko Ramadanovitch, Director, Dom Slepih, Zemun.

Who's Who at the World Conference

Mr. George L. Raverat

Mr. Raverat is Secretary-General of the American Braille Press for War and Civilian Blind, located in Paris. He was born and educated in Paris and received his B.A. degree from the Jesuit College there. He was engaged in newspaper work until the outbreak of the war, when he joined the French army as a private. He had been promoted to second lieutenant by the time the United States entered the war and he became a liaison officer for the American Expeditionary Force, attached to the French War Office.

During the war the American Braille Press was established for the purpose of printing embossed literature for those blinded in the war. Later, Mr. Raverat was made Secretary-General and the scope of the Press was enlarged to include the printing of books, music and periodicals for all those without sight. It now issues a great quantity of braille in several languages to thousands of readers in many lands, and in some cases, as for instance in Roumanian and Polish, the magazines which come from the American Braille Press are the only embossed periodicals published in these languages.

As Secretary-General of the American Braille Press, Mr. Raverat was one of the chief promoters of an international conference which met in Paris in 1929 for the purpose of deciding upon a standard braille music code which would make it possible for music printed in one country to be used in others.

Mr. Raverat is Chairman of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.

Mr. George L. Raverat, Chairman of the Committee on Personnel and Program

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Mr. Eagar, Secretary-General of the National Institute for the Blind, London, brought to that position a wide experience in social work and organization. During his student days at Oxford, he spent some of his vacations at the University Settlements, and several years after leaving the university, he went to live and work in South London. There he undertook welfare work through which he became acquainted with the home environment and working conditions of the people of that district, and organized a boys' club for those who had hitherto found their recreation in the streets. He also conducted a housing survey in this section. The outbreak of the War found him assistant director of the Borstal and Central Association, in which capacity he was responsible for the after-care of all discharged convicts, as well as the boys from Borstal. He served with the British army in France in 1917 and 1918 and at the close of the War returned to the boys' clubs and for a time to prison work. Then the housing question, which post-war conditions made very pressing, claimed his services, and he became Administrative Inspector of the London Housing Board. Later, he became Secretary of the Garden Cities Association and was engaged in this work when he was called upon to organize the Land and Nation League. He holds membership in the National Council of Social Service, the British Federation of Settlements, the National Association of Boys' Clubs, the National Playing Fields Association, and is an Associate of the Town Planning Institute. In 1928 Mr. Eagar was appointed Secretary and Manager of the National Institute for the Blind and entered upon the administration of that office with the energy which had characterized his work in other fields.

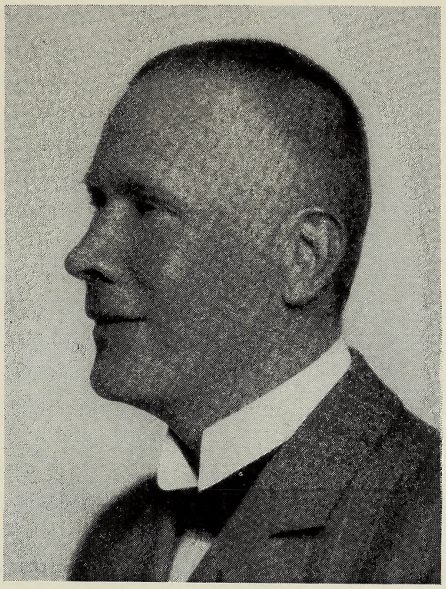
Mr. Eagar is Secretary of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.

Herr Alrik Lundberg*

Herr Lundberg was born in Stockholm, in 1867. In his eleventh year he lost his sight as the result of an accident, but continued his education at school with sighted children and under the instruction of tutors. He acquired an extensive knowledge of languages which has proved useful to him as the representative of Sweden at numerous conferences on work for the blind, both at home and abroad. His work on behalf of the blind has been for many years identified with De Blindas Förening which was established in 1889. He was made a director of this association in 1891 and since 1902 has been its president. Under his leadership this organization has become the center of work for the blind in Sweden. He has been instrumental in raising large sums of money to carry on the numerous activities of the association, and its assets now include administrative buildings, a training center for sightless craftsmen, and workshops and salesrooms in several cities.

De Blindas Förening also has a library of 7,000 volumes of embossed type. In 1895 Herr Lundberg had an important part in the founding of *De Blindas Veckoblad,* a weekly review for the blind which is sent free to sightless readers throughout Sweden.

In 1917 Herr Lundberg was made a reporting member of the Crown Princess Margaret's Committee on Work for the Blind and was one of three experts appointed in 1920 to formulate a program for further development in the work. He is a



Herr Alrik Lundberg

member of the Royal Board of Directors of the School for the Blind at Tomteboda and of several organizations for promoting the interests of the blind.

Herr Lundberg is a member of the Committee on Personnel and Program.

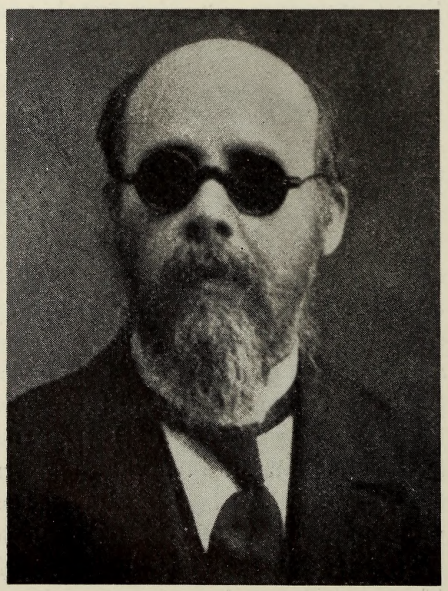
Professor Pierre Villey*

Professor Villey was born in Caen, France, in 1879, and lost his sight when he was four years of age. Sent to school with sighted children, he received a number of honors awarded for excellence in scholarship. He stood fifth in a competitive examination for entrance to the Ecole Normale Supérieure and took his degree as Doctor of Literature from this school, standing first in the examination in literature. He was appointed professor of French Literature in the University of Clermont-Ferrand and went from

*Blind.

there to the University of Caen, where he now holds a professorship.

Professor Villey has devoted much study to the literature of sixteenth century France and has published, among other books, *Les Sources et l'Evolution des Essais de Montaigne, Les Sources d'Idées au XVI Siècle,* and *Ronsard.* Always interested in the welfare of the blind, he has contributed notably to the study of the social and psychological aspects of blindness in his books *La Pédagogie des Aveugles, L'Aveugle dans le Monde des Voyants,* and *Le Monde des Aveugles.* An English translation of the last named has recently been published in the United States. Professor Villey is Secretary General of the Association Valentin Haüy and a member of the Council of the Advisory Commission of the Institution Nationale des Jeunes Aveugles. He is a member of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.



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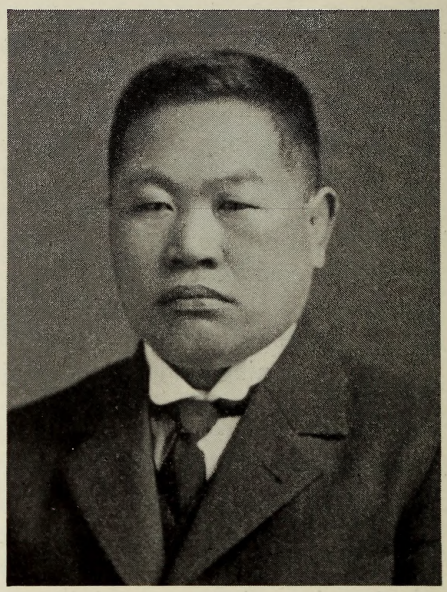
Professor Umaji Akiba

Professor Akiba, Director of the Tokyo School for the Blind since 1928, was for several years a professor in the Tokyo College for Teachers. From this work he was called into the field of education of the blind in 1924, serving for two years as a teacher in the school of which he is now Director. In 1926 the Government directed Professor Akiba to travel in the United States and European countries to study methods of teaching the blind. His year in America was fruitfully occupied as a student and observer in several schools. He took the Harvard Course under Dr. Edward E. Allen and pursued psychological studies at Harvard University. The second year of his studies was spent in Europe and on his return to Tokyo in May, 1928, he was appointed to his present position.



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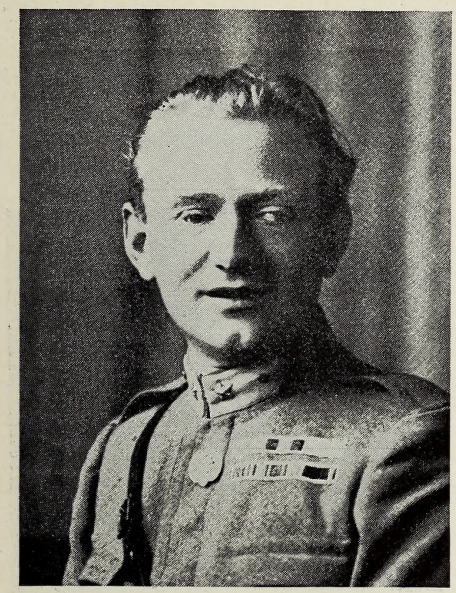
Lieutenant Aurelio Nicolodi*

Lieutenant Nicolodi, who lost his sight while serving in the Italian army during the late War, is head of a



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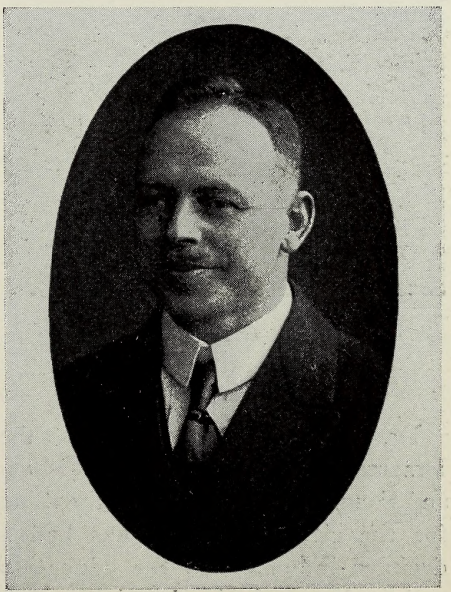
training school for blind adults — Instituto Nazionale per Ciechi Adulti —in Florence. Lieutenant Nicolodi is a member of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.

Syndikus Dr. Carl Strehl*

Dr. Strehl was born in Berlin in 1886 and attended school there until his fifteenth year, then went to sea and spent six years abroad. In the fall of 1906, while in New York, he was blinded by an accident and returned to Europe the following spring. After learning raised print in a private school, Dr. Strehl spent several years in French Switzerland and in England, where he studied modern languages. In 1921 he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Marburg. He had already entered work for the blind, having founded the Verein der Blinden Akademiker Deutschlands in 1915, of which association he was made first honorable chairman in 1927. The aim of this association is to look after the interests of all blind persons engaged in intellectual work. In 1916 the Blindenstudienanstalt, an institution for the academic education of the blind, was founded through the influence of Dr. Strehl. The Blindenstudienanstalt is also concerned with the occupational and social welfare of the blind who enter intellectual pursuits, and has been cited by the government as "a national, generally useful enterprise." In 1918 Dr. Strehl was appointed syndikus of the association and head of the Blindenstudienanstalt.



Dr. Carl Strehl

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Dr. Strehl is Chairman of the Managing Committee for the Organization of the International Congress for the Blind.

For the past seven years Dr. Strehl has edited a monthly magazine, *Beiträge zum Blindenbildungswesen,* in raised type, and since 1930 has also issued an ink-print edition of this magazine. He has published numerous articles in magazines and newspapers and is editor of the *Handbuch der Blindenwohlfahrtspflege.*

Dr. Strehl is a member of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.

Dr. Siegfried Altmann

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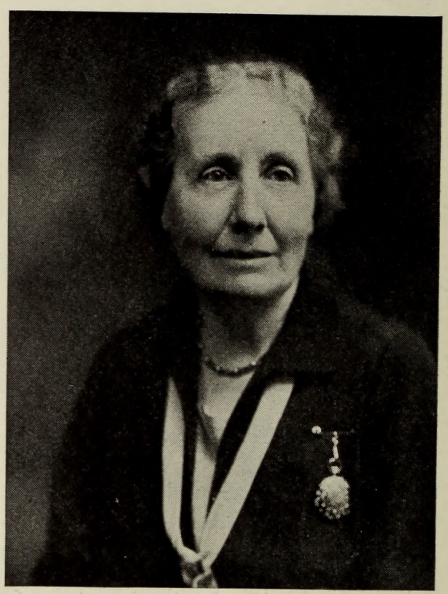
Dr. Altmann, Director of the Israelitische Blinden-Institut, Vienna, and Counselor on Welfare of the Blind for the city of Vienna, has had a decisive influence on the education and welfare of the blind through his scientific and literary activities as well as through his work as an organizer. Director Altmann was born on the 12th of July, 1887, in Nikolsburg, studied in Austria and Germany, and has been active in work for the blind since 1907. He is the author of a number of works on the welfare of the blind.

Professor Altmann is a member of the Committee on Personnel and Program for the World Conference.



Miss J. A. Merivale

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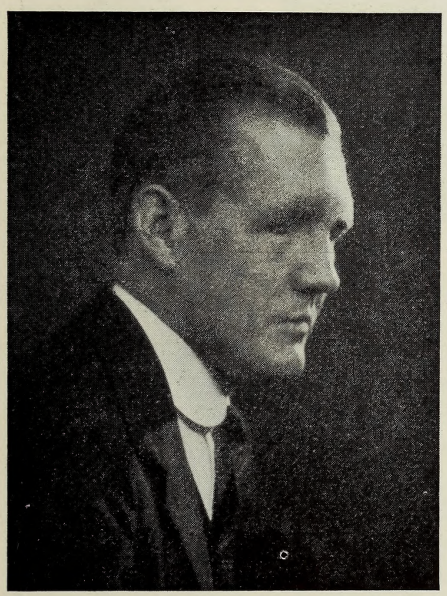
Miss J. A. Merivale, of Oxford, England, is a member of the Council of the National Institute for the Blind, and of the Executive Committee of the Union of Counties Associations for the Blind. She is also Chairman of the Midland Counties Association of Societies for the Blind; a member of the Statutory Committee for the Blind, Oxford City Council; and Vice-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer of the Oxford Society for the Blind.

Captain Ian Fraser*

Captain William Jocelyn Ian Fraser, C.B.E., Chairman of St. Dunstan's, succeeded Sir Arthur Pearson in that position in 1922. Captain Fraser lost his sight while leading his company to the attack in the Battle of the Somme, when he was but eighteen years of age. Returning to London, he went to St. Dunstan's for training

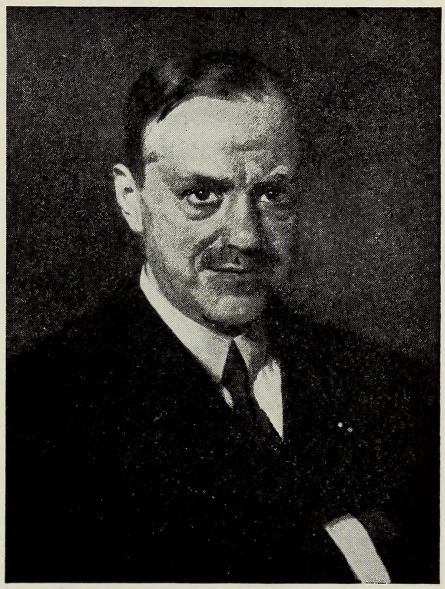


Capt. Ian Fraser

and later became assistant in administration there. After a few years he decided to enter public life as well. In 1922 he became a member of the London County Council, and in 1924 entered Parliament, where he held his seat for five years. During that time he was a member of the Government Committee of Inquiry on Broadcasting and was made Chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Advisory Committee in 1926, a post which he still holds. In that year also he introduced into Parliament the Blind Person's Wireless Act which gave free licenses to all blind people of the United Kingdom.

Captain Fraser is a member of the Council of the National Institute for the Blind, of the Governing Body, Mount Vernon Hospital, of the Council of the Radium Institute; is governor of Worcester College for the Blind, and Vice-Chairman of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund. He is the author of the section on Blindness in the 1928 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Captain Fraser has traveled widely and has many interests outside his work. He is fond of riding, rowing, swimming, and skating.



Cav. Oreste Poggiolini

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Cav. Oreste Poggiolini, as Secretary of the Federation Nazionale delle Instituzioni pro Cieche, Florence, has an extensive knowledge of work for the blind in Italy. He is the author of several pamphlets on this subject.

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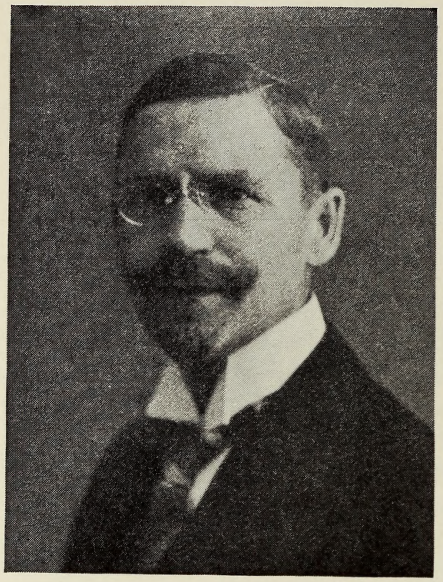

Dr. Paul Grasemann

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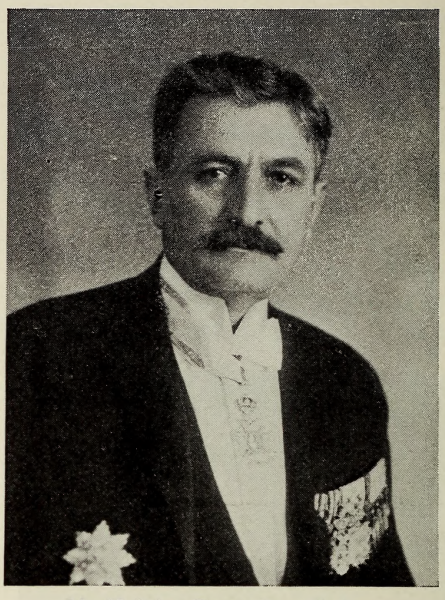
Dr. Grasemann, Director of the Provinzialblindenanstalt, S o e s t, Westphalia, has been identified with the education of the blind in Germany since 1902 when he became a teacher at the Blindenanstalt in Hamburg. Before that time he had been for two years an elementary teacher of seeing children. Continuing his education as a teacher of the blind, he passed the examination for principals of schools for the blind in 1915, and two years later became principal of the Blindenanstalt in Frankfort-on-the-Main, and of the Provinzialblindenanstalt in Soest in 1924. From 1925 to 1930 he was chairman of the Union of Teachers of the Blind in Germany and Austria. In order to observe institutions for the blind in other countries, Dr. Grasemann has traveled extensively in England, Denmark, Sweden and Austria.



M. Velyko Ramadanovitch

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Monsieur Velyko Ramadanovitch, who will represent Yugoslavia at the World Conference, has been connected with work for the blind since 1917, when he founded the first Serbian school for the blind. He also was the founder of the first printing house for the blind in the Balkans; of the Society for the Protection of Young Blind Girls, and of an agricultural colony for blinded soldiers. He is Vice-President of the "Roi Decanski" society for the education of blind and deaf children and director of the School for the Blind of King Alexander I. He is also interested in handicapped groups other than the blind, having founded the first Serbian school for the deaf in 1896, and is director of an industrial school for crippled and deaf children.

Mr. Ramadanovitch has recently published a book on the condition of the blind in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Godfrey F. Mowatt*

Mr. Godfrey F. Mowatt was educated at Worcester College for the Blind, and is now secretary and treasurer of that institution. He is also Governor of the Royal Normal College for the Blind; Honorary Treasurer of the National Institute for the Blind; Fellow of the College of Teachers of the Blind; member of the Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind, Ministry of Health; Chairman, Barclay Workshops for Blind Women; Honorary Treasurer, Union of Counties Associations for the Blind; a member of the Executive Council of the Metropolitan Society for the Blind, National Library for the Blind.

In addition to his activities in work for the blind, Mr. Mowatt is County Magistrate of Sussex, having accepted that office in 1904. He has served on the local Board of Guardians, and acted as Chairman of the first War Distress Committee in Sussex, and of the War Tribunal Committee, the Food Control Committee and the Coal Control Committee.

Mr. Mowatt takes an active interest in outdoor sports, being President of the Mid-Sussex Cricket and Football Leagues, and a member of the Sussex County Cricket Committee. He is fond of rowing and sculling, and chess is one of his favorite recreations.

Professor Augusto Romagnoli*

Professor Romagnoli is Superintendent of the R. Scuola di Metodo per gli Educatori dei Ciechi, Rome. He is a graduate of an Italian School for the blind, and was formerly a teacher in an Italian university.

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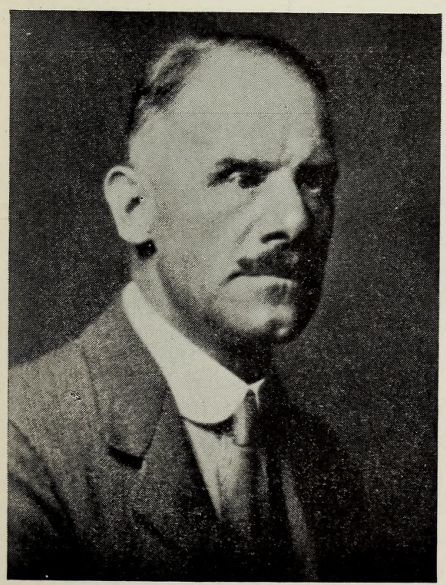

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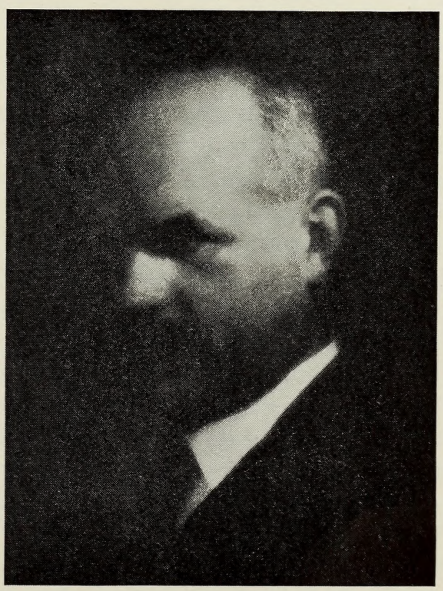

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Dr. Lothar Gaebler-Knibbe*

Dr. Gaebler-Knibbe received his education in Breslau, Germany, and entered the German army in 1910, planning a career as an officer.

Dr. L. Gaebler-Knibbe

Three years later an accident deprived him of his sight. He then entered the University of Leipzig and received his doctorate in 1917, the subject of his thesis being, "The Prussian-German Military Maintenance in Past and Present Times." Although he has been occupied in various lines of work, Dr. Gaebler-Knibbe has, since 1914, been actively interested in work for the blind. He received special mention from his government for teaching raised print to the first war-blinded soldiers. During 1915-1918 he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Reichsdeutsche Blindenverband, was then made manager, and in 1929 became chairman of that organization. Besides numerous articles in professional magazines and in newspapers, he has published several pamphlets on the recreational and medical activities of the Reichsdeutsche Blindenverband, and on guide dogs. Since 1924 he has been in business in Berlin.

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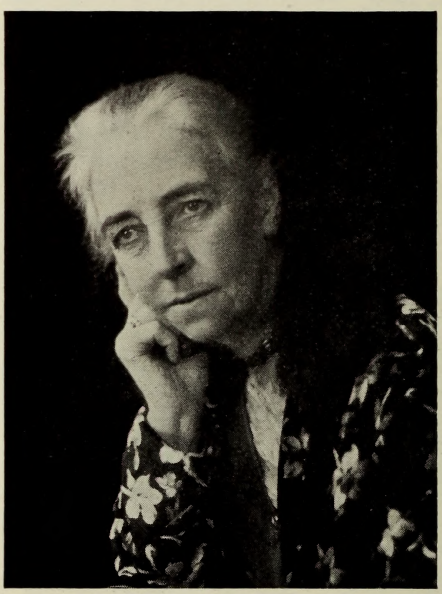
Miss Mary M. R. Garaway

Miss Mary M. R. Garaway, Fellow of the College of Teachers of the Blind, has for twenty-five years been associated with educational work for the blind in England as Superintendent of the London



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County Council's School for Blind Boys. Miss Garaway is also Honorary Secretary of the College of Teachers of the Blind, representative of Teachers of the Blind on the Council of the Royal Society of Teachers, and a member of the Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

Miss Margaret Schaffer*

Miss Margaret Schaffer, Secretary of the Bernese Association for the Welfare of the Blind, represents the agencies of Switzerland. Miss Schaffer was born and educated at Berne, and after completing her secondary education, spent some time abroad, studying languages in France and England. Upon her return to Switzerland she was graduated from the University of Berne as a secondary teacher. She was especially interested in natural history and while she was teaching and continuing her studies in this subject, her eyesight began to fail. Impaired vision prevented her

Miss Margaret Schaffer

continuing her work as a teacher and she entered actively into work for the blind, becoming secretary of the Bernese Association for Welfare of the Blind. As this Association grew, Miss Schaffer organized, under its auspices, the Bernese Home for the Adult Blind and a workshop connected with it. She also does home teaching, and has published various articles and literary sketches about the sightless.

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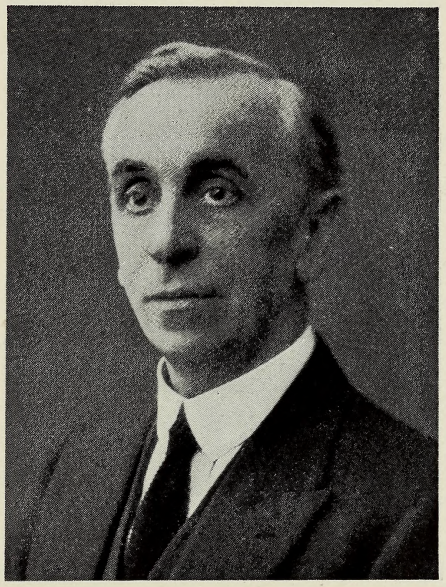

Mr. George Danby

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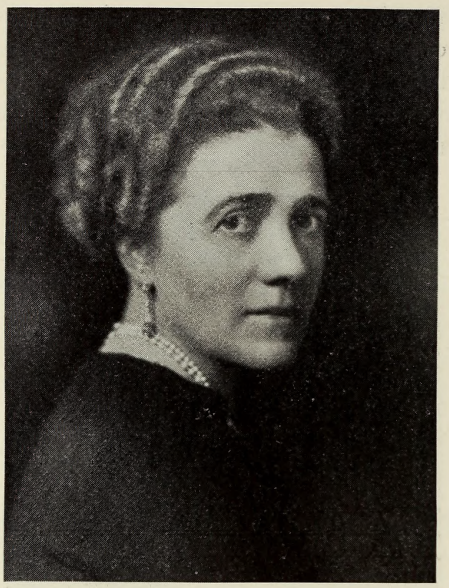
Mr. Danby is a native of Manchester, England, and received his education there. At an early age he entered the employ of a manufacturing firm as errand boy, and eighteen years later a series of promotions had brought him to the position of manager of the firm.

In 1909 Mr. Danby's interest in work for the blind led him to accept the position of trades manager of Henshaw's Institution for the Blind in Manchester. After fifteen years of service in this capacity, he was appointed General Manager of the Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind, being unanimously chosen from a large number of applicants.



Mrs. Dorothy Harrison Eustis

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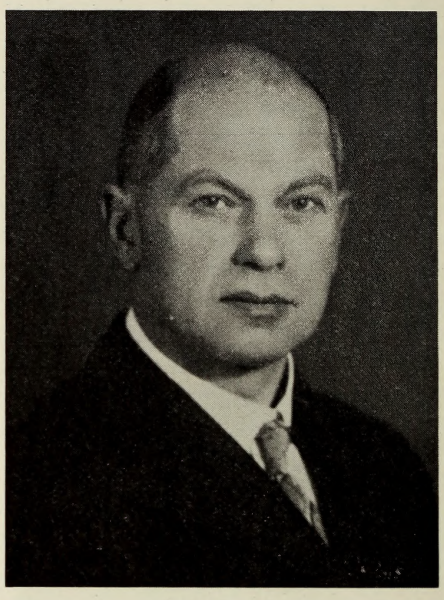
Mrs. Eustis, who now makes her home in Switzerland, is a native of Philadelphia. At "Fortunate Fields," Mont Pélérin, she maintains a training station for German shepherd dogs, where she trains dogs for service in the Swiss Army. In 1928 Mrs. Eustis created two schools for the instruction of dogs as guides for the blind, one "l'Oeil qui Voit," at Vevey, Switzerland, where instructors for this work are also trained; the other, "The Seeing Eye" at Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Eustis is President of the Executive Committee of both schools. "The Seeing Eye," both here and abroad, has been instrumental in interesting organizations for the blind as well as sightless individuals in the value of dogs as guides.

At the International Pre-Congress of the Blind at Vienna, July, 1929, Mrs. Eustis was made chairman of a commission to study the use and practicability of dogs as guides for the blind, the report to be made at the World Conference.



Dr. Aleksej Záhoř

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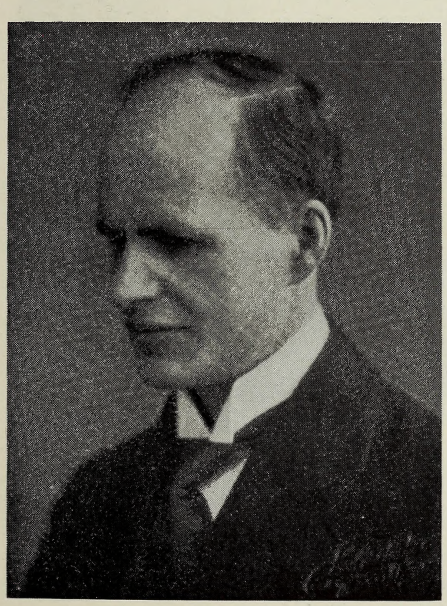
Dr. Záhoř, graduate in medicine from the Charles' Czech University at Prague, has been since 1924 president of the Czechoslovak organization for the welfare of the blind. He is also vice-president of the Czech Society of Medical Specialists and of the Prague Section of the Czech Central Medical Association. In 1930, he became a member of the Social Institute of the Czechoslovak Republic. He has published several treatises on medicine and ophthalmology and a number of essays on state medical organizations and on the social and medical care of the blind.

Herr Halfdan Karterud*

Herr Karterud received his early training in music and languages at the School for the Blind at Oslo, Norway. He also studied music at the Conservatory of Music in Oslo and passed the examination for organists there in 1912. The three years following he spent at Elverum Normal College and, in 1917, he was appointed as a teacher at the Dalens Blindeskole, Nidaros. In this position he has done much to advance the study of music at the school. Recently he has directed the work



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of the Norwegian Association for the Blind in publishing Norwegian music in braille. Herr Karterud has long been interested in welfare work for the blind, having been in 1919-1920, chairman of the Norwegian Association for the Blind and since 1922, chairman of the Association for the Blind of Northern Norway.

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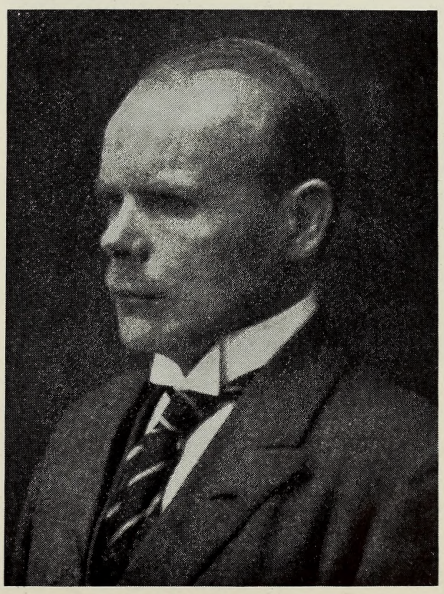
Herr Ernst Retsler*

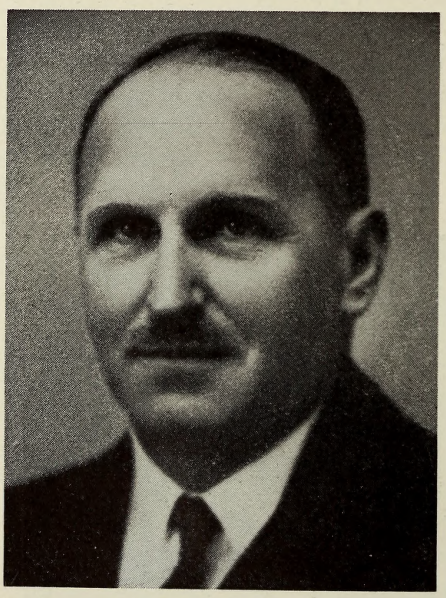
Herr Retsler received his early education at a school for the blind, was graduated from a secondary school in Stockholm and entered the University of Stockholm to take up the study of law. As part of his course he spent some time at the Blindenstudienanstalt and the University at Marburg-Lahn, where he studied Roman law. In 1924 he passed his examination for the Judicial Faculty. He was then appointed counselor for the Institute for the Blind at Tomteboda, for which institution he made a survey of the condition of the blind throughout Sweden. Herr Retsler has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Blind since 1919, and for the past four years has been director of the industrial department of the Association.



Herr Ernst Retsler

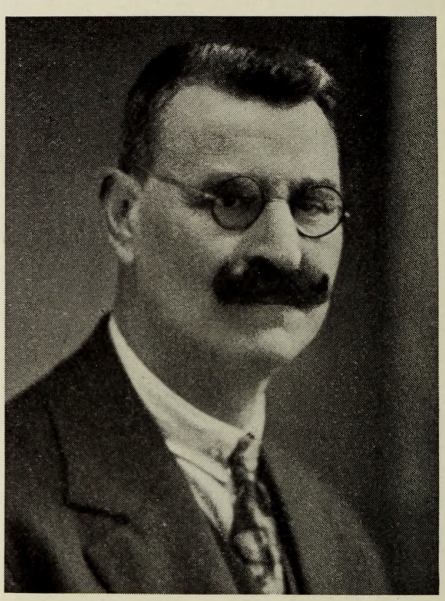
Dr. Carl Herodek

Dr. Herodek is Director of the school for the blind (Józef Nádor Institute) in Budapest. When he took over the office in 1905 his first task was to build up the enrollment of the Institute so that it would include as many as possible of the blind children in Hungary. Dr. Herodek's efforts in this direction have resulted in an increase in number of pupils from 94 to 223, the present enrollment. Under his direction the curriculum has been revised and a printing plant added to the school's equipment. In 1907 a kindergarten department was opened and funds were raised to start a



Dr. Carl Herodek

braille library for the school. The Institute now has a separate department for feeble-minded children and a department for the deaf-blind. In 1928 the first sight-saving class in Hungary was founded under the auspices of the Institute. Dr. Herodek has travelled extensively in Europe in order to study schools in other countries. He is president of the National Institution for the Blind and of the National Union of Teachers of the Blind, and has been decorated by his government in recognition of his services.



M. Vasil Stephanoff

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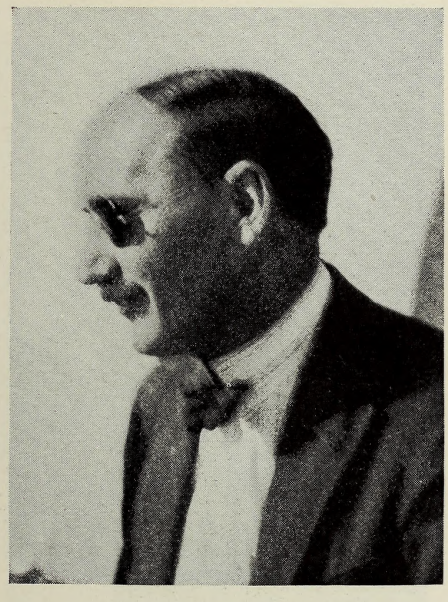
Monsieur Stephanoff is director of the State Institute for the Blind in Sofia, Bulgaria. He took a four-year course in philosophy and pedagogy at the State University in Sofia after his graduation from the State Normal School, and has served for thirty years under the State Department of Education as a high school professor, high school director, county inspector for the Board of Education and Director of the Institute for the Blind.

Dr. Wlodzimierz Dolanski*

Dr. Dolanski, representative of Poland at the World Conference, showed great musical talent at an early age. When he was ten years old an accident deprived him of his sight and of his right arm, but his enthusiasm for music was undiminished, and he devoted to music many hours a day during his four



Dr. W. Dolanski

years of study at the Institute for the Blind. He was later assisted by "Carmen Sylva," then queen of Roumania, to continue his training as a musician until he was proficient enough to give a public concert. This was such a success that he had planned to undertake a concert tour of Europe, but was prevented by the outbreak of the war from carrying out this plan. Dr. Dolanski was also greatly interested in mathematics, and in 1922 he compiled a series of mathematical tests. Two years later he received from his government a scholarship which enabled him to study at the University of Paris, where he took his degree as Master of Arts in psychology. He has written a work on experimental psychology, in recognition of which he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Arts in psychology.

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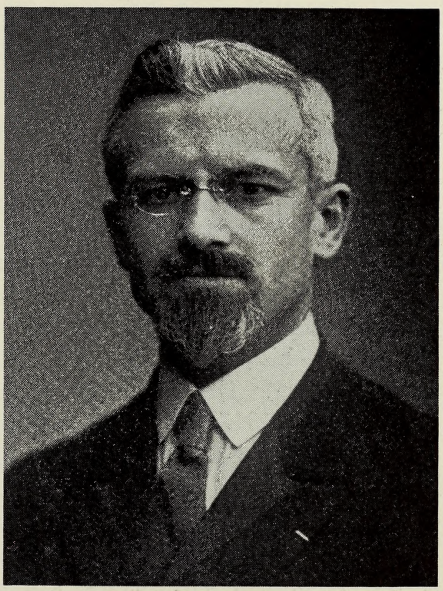
M. Donatien Lelièvre

M. Lelièvre has been identified with the education of the blind in France since 1902, when he became a professor at the Institution Départmentale des Jeunes Aveugles at Nantes. In 1907, he went to the



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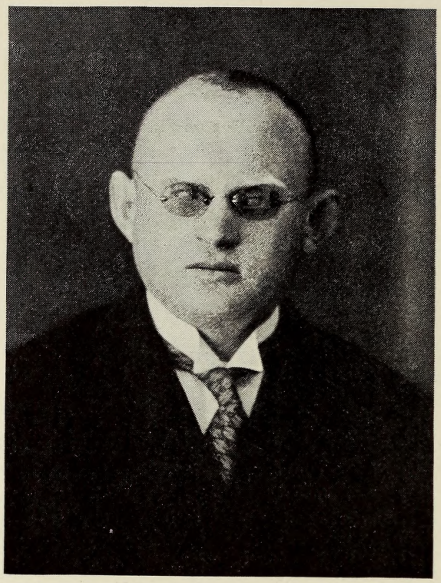
Institution des Jeunes Aveugles at Bordeaux and served as a teacher there until 1922, when he became Director of the Institution Régionale des Sourds-Muets et des Jeunes Aveugles (Bordeaux). M. Lelièvre is an officer of the French Academy.



Dr. Wilhelm Steinberg

Dr. Wilhelm Steinberg*

Dr. Steinberg was born in Breslau, Germany, and received his early education at the Schlesische Blindenunterrichtsanstalt. After his graduation from a preparatory school in Breslau in 1914, he entered the University of Breslau, where he studied philosophy, psychology, history and modern German literature. He devoted the winter of 1916-1917 to work at the Psychological Institute at Hamburg, and in 1919 was graduated with the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Breslau. The following year he spent at the Technische Hochschule (Breslau) studying philosophy. In 1923 the Minister of Education conferred on him a professorship in philosophy in the same institution, and in 1927 this was extended to sociology. In May, 1930, he was appointed Professor Extraordinary.

Dr. Steinberg is the author of a number of scientific books, among them being *Die Raumwahrnehmung der Blinden* and *Hauptprobleme der Blindenpsychologie.*

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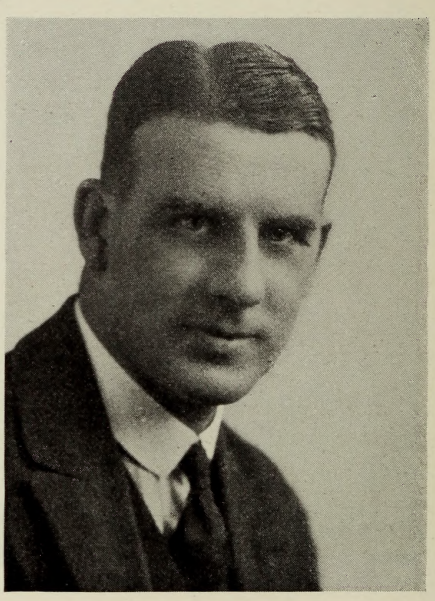
Mr. S. W. Starling

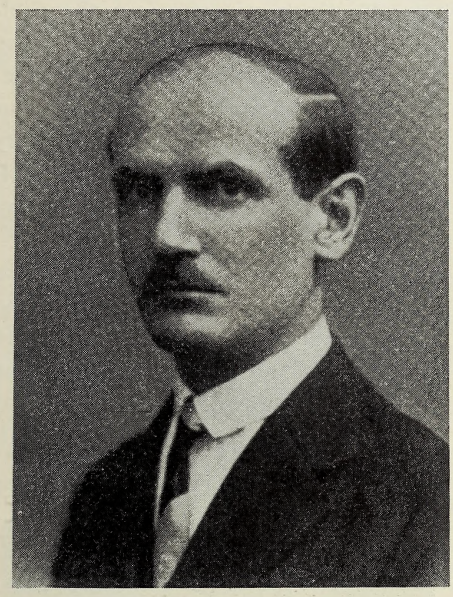
Mr. S. W. Starling is General Superintendent and Secretary of the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, where he became assistant secretary in 1918, manager in 1922, and was appointed to his present position in 1929. He served as an officer in the British army in France during the late War and was invalided out of service in August, 1918. Mr. Starling is a member of the Executive Committee of the Workshops Association for the Blind and of the College of Teachers of the Blind, and secretary of the Midland Societies for the Blind.



Mr. S. W. Starling

Dr. Constantin Paul

Dr. Constantin Paul is director of the Queen Elisabeth Institute for the Blind, Bucharest, Roumania. He studied medicine at the University of Bucharest, specializing in ophthalmology. He had just completed his studies when Roumania entered the war and he joined the army as a medical officer. In 1921,



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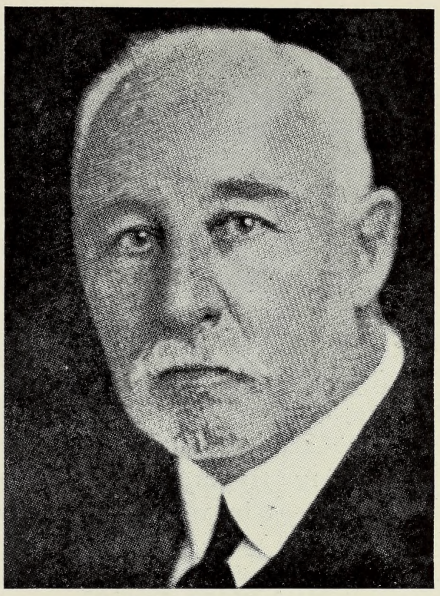
he became assistant director of the Institute for the Blind. He devoted himself to the task of reorganizing this institution and in recognition of this service he was decorated by the king. Since 1926 Dr. Paul has been connected with the *Revista Braille,* a magazine published by the Society for the Roumanian Blind. In 1928, he became director of the Queen Elisabeth Institute for the Blind and chief of staff of the Queen Mary Hospital for diseases of the eye.



Mr. Henry Hedger

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Mr. Hedger has been Manager of the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution since 1893, and was for thirteen years before that time a teacher at the Institution. During the early part of his administration rapid strides were made in the teaching of various handcrafts, which enabled many sightless persons in Australia to become self-supporting.

In 1902, Mr. Hedger attended the International Congress for the Improvement of the Condition of the Blind which met in Brussels and thereafter spent some time visiting institutions for the blind in Europe and the United States in order to gather information of value to his work in Sydney.

The late war greatly increased the demands made upon the Institution. Mr. Hedger was appointed by the

Government a member of the Vocational Training Board under the Repatriation Department, and the training of blinded soldiers was carried on apace.

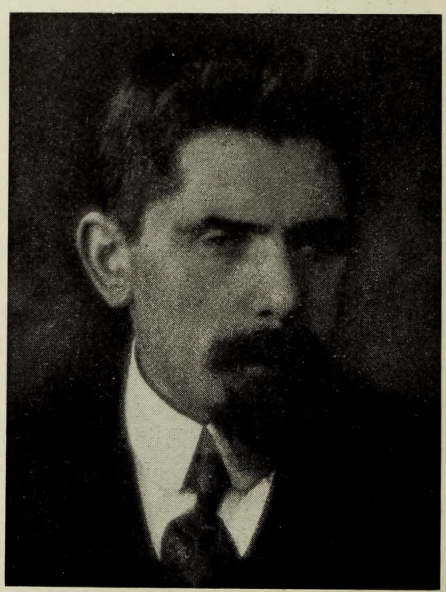
During the year 1923 Mr. Hedger patented several frames which he had invented for improving the shape of various kinds of baskets. He is also the inventor of a frame for mat-making which is especially useful to home workers. His book, *Employment of the Blind,* is widely known as a source of information concerning trades practicable for the sightless in workshops and at home.

M. Gérard Borré*

M. Gérard Borré lost his sight in early childhood and was educated at the Institute for the Blind in Woluwe-st-Lambert, Belgium. After completing his course there he entered the conservatory of music at Gand. There was little or no braille music available in Belgium at that time (1895), and M. Borré was the first sightless person to follow successfully the courses in piano and organ at the Gand conservatory. In 1900, he was awarded the conservatory's first prize in piano playing, and later won prizes in harmony, organ playing and counterpoint. As director of three choral societies from 1902 to 1914, he made use of a number of his own compositions for piano and choir. Since 1907 he has been professor of music and piano tuning at the Institut Provincial des Aveugles at Bercham-ste-Agathe.

M. Borré has for many years been actively interested in work for the blind. He was instrumental in founding the union of blind musicians and piano tuners (about 1900), and since 1907 he has been a member of the Federation of Belgian Blind. At his suggestion the Union of Blind Workers was reorganized in 1917, and the following year he took over the office of secretary of that organization. Several years later he founded the Council of Piano Tuners of Belgium. When in 1925 the Ministry of Justice created an advisory committee on the welfare of the blind, M. Borré was made a member. In 1927 he became vice-president of the Braille League, and it was largely through his efforts that the fusion of this society with the Union of Blind Workers was brought about.

M. Borré is also a member of two associations for the blind in the Flemish section of Belgium, the "Opbeuring" at Gand and the "Licht en Liefde" at Bruges, and is Belgian correspondent for the American Braille Press.



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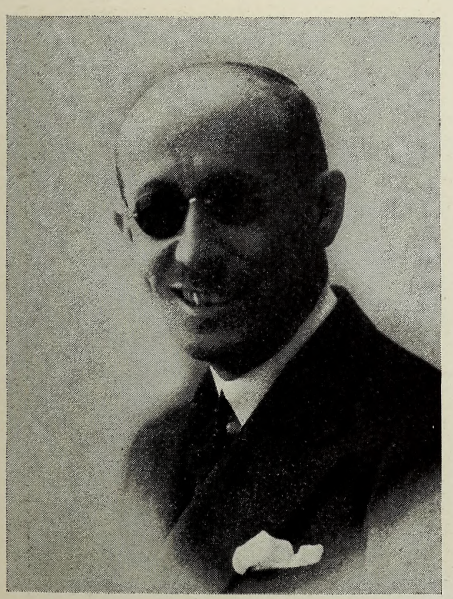
Dr. Miguel Mérida Nicolich*

Dr. Nicolich studied medicine in Granada and Madrid and took his doctor's degree in 1916. He carried on a successful practice as an oculist in Malaga from 1916 to 1924 and was Director of the Municipal Eye Clinic and St. Tomas's Eye Hospital. He engaged in medical research and published a number of books as a result of his investigations, and in 1919 founded the Malaga Medical Journal.

At the age of thirty-one Dr. Nicolich was blinded by an accident and thereafter turned his always active interest in ophthalmology to work for the blind, starting a campaign for the welfare of the blind in Spain. When the Institute for the Blind and the Deaf was founded in Malaga in 1925, Dr. Nicolich was appointed Director. He then undertook a course of training in the education of the blind, passing examinations as a teacher of primary education and as a special Professor of the Blind in Madrid. He has published many articles dealing with the education of the blind, their social organization and welfare, and the prevention of blindness, besides a book on ocular therapeutics. He was pensioned by the Ministry of Public Instruction in 1929.



Dr. Mérida Nicolich

After losing his sight Dr. Nicolich opened a laboratory for the preparation of ophthalmic ointments which are now widely used in Spain and South America. Largely through his influence the National Federation of the Spanish Blind has recently been founded, and a Federation which will include the blind of South America is anticipated. In 1930 Dr. Nicolich organized and produced at his own expense a 1000-metre film on the prevention of blindness and the activities and education of the blind, which is being projected throughout Spain.

Mr. Herbert W. Thompson*

For the past twenty years Mr. Thompson has been in charge of the Free Circulating Library for the Blind connected with the Sydney Industrial Blind Institution. After losing his sight Mr. Thompson learned handcrafts, typewriting and the reading and writing of embossed type at the Sydney Institution, and was in 1910 appointed Home Teacher and Librarian there. In addition to supervising the preparation and circulation of the library of 13,000 volumes, Mr. Thompson as a Home Teacher visited blind persons throughout New South Wales, often traveling hundreds of

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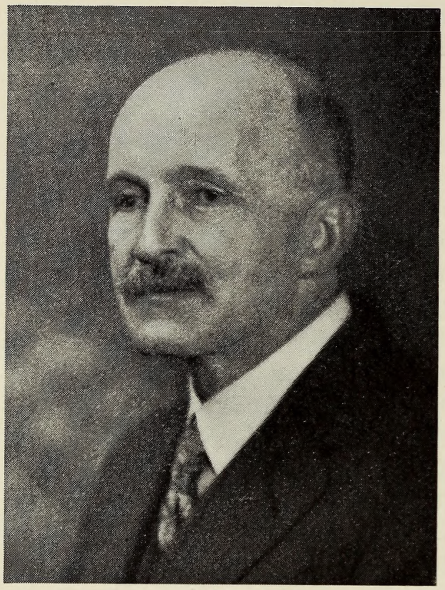

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miles to discover new cases and to give assistance or instruction. During and after the war his teaching included also the instruction of blinded soldiers.

In consequence of increased demands on the library, Mr. Thompson resigned in 1924 his position as Home Teacher and since then has devoted his entire time to the office of Librarian.

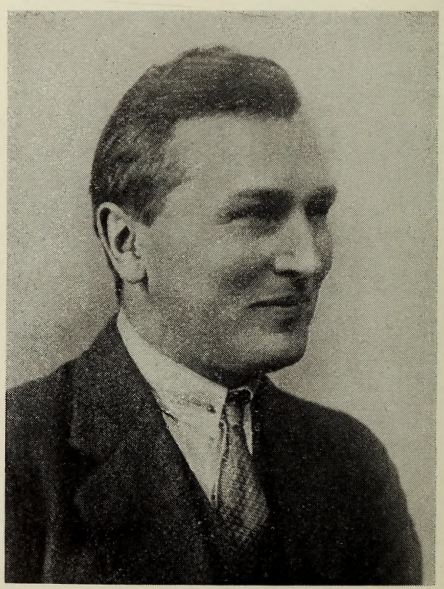
Mr. Clutha Mackenzie*

Mr. Mackenzie lost his sight while serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Egypt, during the war, and was sent to London for training at St. Dunstan's. In 1916, while still in London, he started *The Chronicles of the N. Z. E. F.*, a journal for the New Zealand troops in England and the various theatres of war. The journal proved a great success and kept him busy until the close of the war.

Upon his return to New Zealand, Mr. Mackenzie became connected with the settlement of the blinded soldiers there, acting as the representative of St. Dunstan's, and later turned his attention to the needs of the civilian blind as well. In 1922 he was appointed a trustee of the Jubilee Institute at Auckland, and in 1926 became Director of that organization.

Herr Ernst Jörgensen*

Herr Jörgensen received his education at the Royal Institute for the Blind, Copenhagen, and at Worcester College for the Blind (England). He also attended the University of London where he passed the examination for teachers of foreign languages. After his return to Denmark, Herr Jörgensen taught English at the Royal Institute for the Blind until 1928, when he was elected chairman and business manager of the Danish Association for the Blind.



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